

ent of the council as a commission also im-
plies that Sir Henry Wood will be its secre-

The royal commission has received a grant of £125,000 which is less in amount than any

the willingness of the council to accept this small sum is due to the experience gained at the Paris Exposition, for which the Govern-

The council is confident of having sufficient funds to insure the success of the British exhibit.

the President of the French Republic Shot at
by a Madman.
(By Cable to The Times.)
PARIS, July 13.—While President Carnot was
opening a new avenue to-day a madman rushed
toward his carriage and fired a pistol at him.
The man was arrested.
The President was not hurt.

Prayers for Spurgeon.
(By Cable to The Times.)
LONDON, July 13.—The condition of the Rev.
Mr. Spurgeon is growing hourly worse. The

...of upon called Wyland and ...
...and Mr. Dwight L. ...
...Dr. Wyland cabled from ...
...their sympathy and prayers, ...
...special prayer-meeting of two hours ...
...was held in the tabernacle to-day to ...
...the Almighty for his recovery.

MR. BLAINE'S HEALTH.

...e Saves the Sensational Reports Circulated ...
...About His Condition Are All Lies.

BAR HARBOR, Me., July 13.—A reporter ...
...conferred with Secretary Blaine for a few minutes ...
...this morning. He said:

"I am as well as usual to-day. The sensa-
...tional reports about my health sent to the ...
...press all over the country are lies. I am not ...
...sick and I am not in bed. I am needed a slight ...
...deal into something very serious."

"I am taking no medicine whatever. I go ...
...out every day and often twice a day. I have a ...
...good appetite, eat whatever I desire, rise at 6 ...
...and go to bed at 10."

Mr. Blaine spoke in his accustomed quick, unhesitating manner, his voice showing no signs of fatigue.

He took no rest this morning in an opportunity afforded by the principal streets and wide distance into the country.

He gets in and out of the carriage without any effort, and, realizing acquaintances who have known him in former years and does not seem fatigued by riding. The reports that Mr. Blaine is essentially unaltered are utterly false and absurd.

Mr. Blaine said this morning:

"My father is constantly improving. We do longer consider him a sick man."

Secretary Blaine was out riding this evening and did his own driving, as he has done for some time, and he is so well that he is certain that he was improving rapidly, and that the last few days he has seemed to take a fresh hold on life and strength. Those near the secretary are confident that he will return to Washington in the fall a well man.

ANOTHER CRANK SHAFT BROKEN.

the Schiedam, from Rotterdam, has to go ahead under slow steam.

NEW YORK, July 13.—The steamship Olympia, which arrived here this morning from various Mediterranean ports, reports that on the 11th of July at noon she spoke the Dutch steamer Schiedam, from Rotterdam, for New York, in a disabled condition. Her deck was being damaged and she was expected to repair the damage soon and declined offers of assistance on the Olympia. The repairs were evidently effected in a few hours, as the steamship En-

from London, which also arrived here this morning, reports that on the 11th instant, 6 o'clock in the evening, she saw the Schiama proceeding under slow steam.

Condition of Affairs in Hayti.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The Atlas Line mail steamer Athos from Port-au-Prince arrived here this afternoon. Last night the Athos touched at Hayti, and, according to her officers, it was learned that Fred. Douglass, United States Minister to Hayti, had left his post at Port-au-Prince because the Haytian Government did not care to recognize a representative of the United States. The minister had been ordered to leave the "Black Republic" to break off all official intercourse with the United States.

ates. Hayti is afraid of this coun-
try, and to avoid interference of any
kind from this Government would sacrifice
friendly intercourse with it. There has been
no report of revolutions when the Athos
ouched at Hayti, and no news of that coun-
try was received on the return trip when
he put into Kingston, Jamaica, except that
legitima was still there, and that he was
tipping in favor. The Haytiens prefer him
Hippolyte, and only await his word to in-
stitute another revolt.

Powderly Refuses the Commissionship.
SCRANTON, PA., July 13.—General Master

Mr. Powderly has declined the world's fair commissionership to which he was appointed a few days ago by Governor Patterson. Mr. Powderly says he has not the time necessary for a proper discharge of the duties of the World's fair commissioner; that he intends to seek an election to the constitutional convention this fall in the interest of ballot

Furious Storm of Hail and Rain.—**ABERDEEN, S. D., July 13.**—The furious storm of rain and hail last night extended over an area of ten miles wide and thirty or thirty miles long. It is estimated that hundreds of acres of wheat have been destroyed. Near Laramie, Farmers Harlan, Cooley, Whitfield and others lost houses and barns. Hailstones measuring over ten inches in circumference are picked up.

Killed at a Snake Walk.—**NASHVILLE, TENN., July 13.**—At a negro snake walk at Hall Hill in Robinson county last Saturday night Vena Washington, a negro woman was instantly killed and Charles Bell was mortally wounded. The murderers, Abe Jensen and Washington Burns, were arrested by the sheriff and

Harrison Can't Leave that Cottage.
CAPE MAY, N. J., July 13.—A delegation from Atlantic City was here this morning and invited the President to visit that resort. He courteously and firmly declined, saying that he was here for rest, and there was none in accepting the many invitations daily received all over the country. Mayor Hoffman and General Hastings, of Pennsylvania, were the spokesmen of the occasion.

The Pope's Encyclical on the labor question, so far at least as the final wording went, was almost entirely dictated by the Holy Father himself to his four young chamberlains between the hours of four and six and finally copied by Cardinal Prince Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State, himself. Manuscript copies were then made by the most

ated members of the Vatican entourage, were dispatched to a select few—among them, both Cardinals Gibbon and Manning—were shown the document "in the rough" before the Encyclical was finally made public. Of the four hundred and twenty students preparing themselves for missionary work in the college of the Propaganda translated it into twenty languages. The issue of the smallest official note from the Vatican implies a stupendous amount of literary work in every Roman ecclesiastical establishment, even the convents contributing their quota.